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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DAMPING :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of September 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement made with respect to the subject application. In support of such traverse, Applicants submit that a single invention is recited in the claims as filed which relates to a method of contending with various forces, including vibratory forces, imposed on a traveling vehicle by sensing such forces and counteracting such forces as applied to bearings transmitting such forces to the chassis of the vehicle by altering the characteristics of the bearing material and/or imposing counteracting forces, typically vibratory forces, on such material. The various treatments of the bearing materials provided in response to imposed force conditions are low material stiffness with low vibration damping, low material stiffness with high vibration damping, high material stiffness with low vibration damping and high material stiffness with high vibration damping. Each of the claims provides for the application of such various treatments of the bearing materials.